

Welcome

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) welcomes you to tonight's public meeting for the Natcher Parkway Interchange at Elrod Road project. The purpose of this meeting is: 1) to present the alignment options; 2) to gather information on the alignments; and 3) to discuss project goals. Comments on the proposed project and the potential impacts are requested from the general public to further assist in the selection of a preferred alternate.

Your involvement is very much appreciated and we encourage you to visit one of the two information displays and talk with the project team members. The KYTC recognizes that a vital part of the design process comes from public involvement. Please take the time to look around, ask questions, and submit the "Comment Form" provided. Please leave the completed form in the box near the sign-in table as you leave. If you would like to take the form home and submit it at a later date, please feel free to do so. Pre-addressed envelopes have been provided. All written comments will be accepted until January 8, 2016.

Project Summary

The existing Elrod Road and Smallhouse Road consist of two 10-foot lanes with narrow grass shoulders. Upgrading these roadways will greatly increase the capacity of the roadway to accommodate the existing and future traffic that is generated in this area. It will also provide a safer roadway for this segment of the Warren County population that commutes daily. Citizens will more safely and efficiently access their homes, parks, churches and schools located in the area.

The proposed alignment along with two options to connect to Smallhouse Road and two options to connect to Elrod Road includes a new interchange on the Natcher Parkway. Connections are provided to the interchange from Nashville Road, Cave Mill Road and a new connector road to Three Springs Road.

The new roadway will be classified as a rural and urban collector. Overall, the project includes approximately 7.5 miles of new or improved roadways. Roundabouts will be considered at the ramp terminals and at other intersections.

Cost Estimates

The estimated costs based on these preliminary plans are:

Alignment	Current Right of Way Estimate	Current Utility Estimate	Current Construction Estimate
Smallhouse Road Connector Option A	\$4,900,000	\$6,810,000	\$19,746,917
Smalhouse Road Connector Option B	\$4,500,000	\$6,810,000	\$19,987,219

The 2014 Highway Plan includes \$6,300,000 for construction, \$2,000,000 for the acquisition of Right of Way and \$900,000 for utility relocations. It is noteworthy that the highway plan estimates were for the interchange only, therefore additional funding in future Highway Plans will be necessary before this project can move forward.

Project Goals

During the early stages of a project's evaluation, the Project Development Team identifies goals for the project. These project goals include:

- To increase safety and reduce accidents.
- To improve capacity and level of service of the roadway.
- To improve connectivity and access in the project area.
- To accommodate the forecasted increase in automotive and commercial truck traffic on Elrod Road. (Year 2015 – 8,500 vehicles per day with 8.0% trucks; Year 2039 – 12,000 vehicles per day with 8.0% trucks)
- To provide a roadway facility that meets current design standards.

Purpose and Need

Rapid residential and commercial growth is occurring on the southern side of Bowling Green. Motorists have limited options for accessing the Natcher Parkway in southern Bowling Green and Warren County and must rely on the heavily congested routes of US 231 (Scottsville Road), KY 884 (Three Springs Road), and US 31W (Nashville Road) to reach various destinations. Additionally, mobility in the existing study area network is limited for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.

The purpose of this project is to improve the safety and efficiency of travel in the Elrod Road/Smallhouse Road area and to provide better connection for travelers along the existing transportation network to the Natcher Parkway.

Next Steps

After tonight's meeting, the following are the steps to be taken for this project:

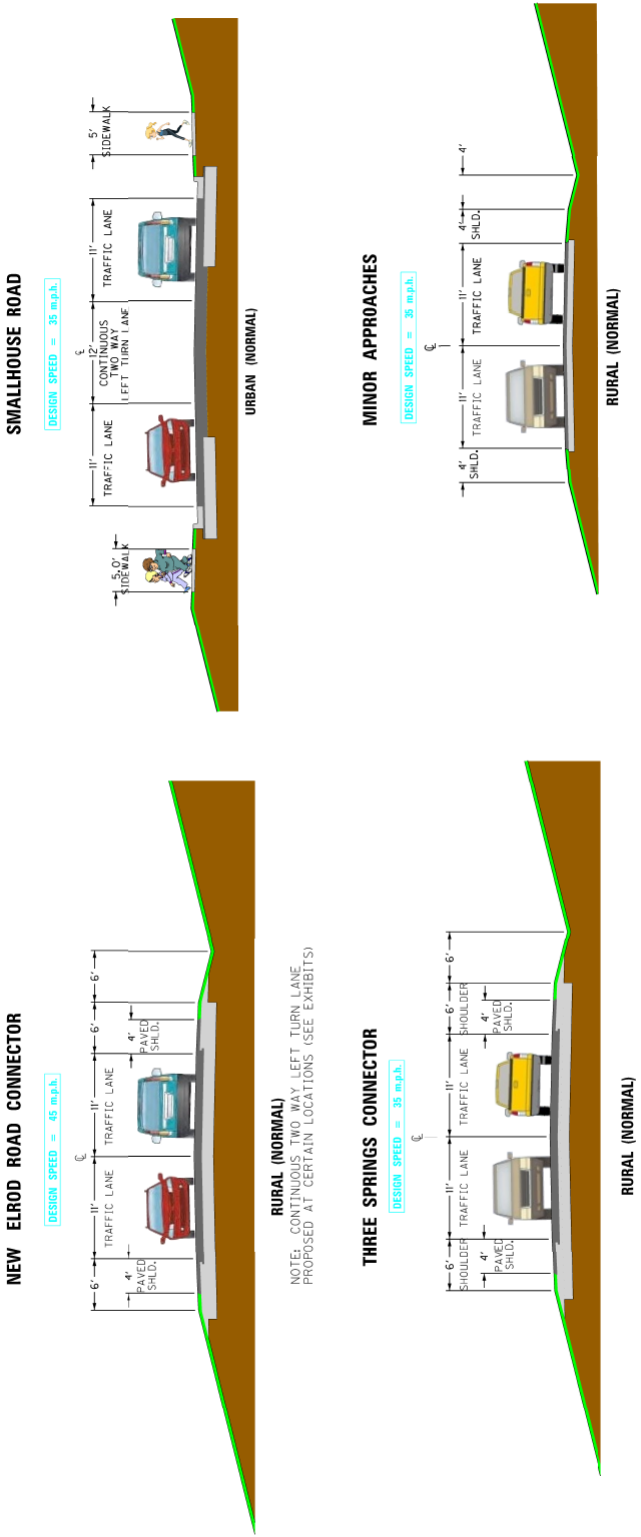
1. The Project Team will meet to review and consider all comments received from this public meeting.
2. Environmental studies will be completed including public comments received tonight. The environmental document must be approved by the Federal Highway Administration.
3. A Preliminary Line and Grade meeting will be held.
4. Final design, including geotechnical drilling, drainage design, right of way plans, and bridge plans will commence in 2016.
5. If the necessary funding is included in the 2016 Highway Plan, it is anticipated that the acquisition of right of way could begin in 2017 or 2018. Relocation of utilities will follow.
6. Bids will be solicited and a construction contract awarded whenever construction funds become available. The 2014 Highway Plan includes a portion of construction funding for Fiscal Year 2019.

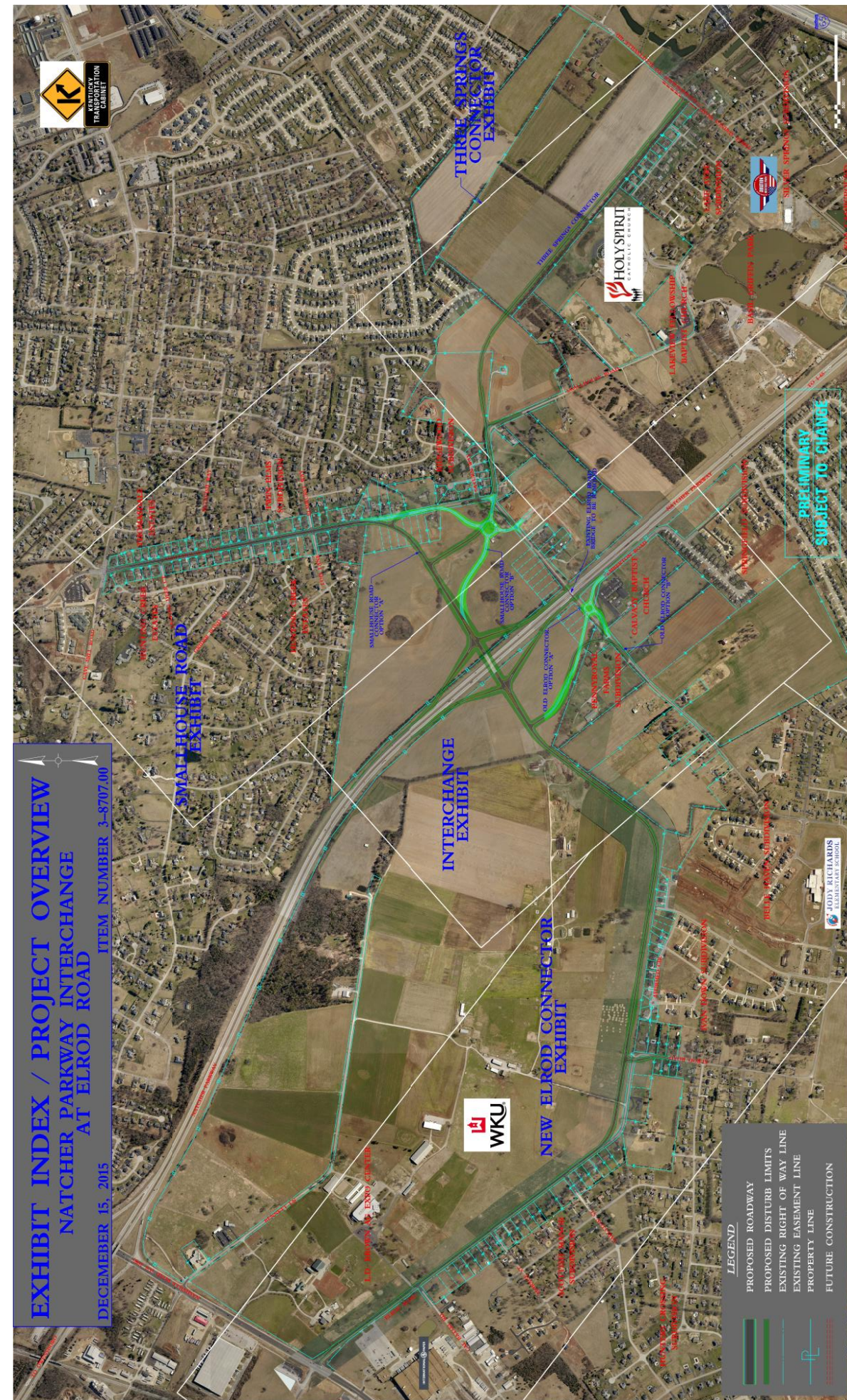
Thank you for your attendance and the input you will provide for this important highway project.

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